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To: Local Media

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COVID-19 Weekday Update

As of today at 2:00pm, there have been 6,289 confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 in the State of Wisconsin. Statewide, 300 individuals have died due to complications related to COVID-19. In Rock County, there have been a total of 178 confirmed positive cases and six deaths. There have been a minimum of 1,745 negative tests results reported in our county.

Please visit our website, <u>www.co.rock.wi.us/publichealth</u> for additional local COVID-19 information updated daily.

New Data Available

The Rock County Public Health Department has new data available on their website, showing both the number of new daily COVID-19 laboratory test results in Rock County separated by negative and positive results, and the percentage of daily COVID-19 laboratory tests that have come back positive. Recently, Rock County has seen larger increases in the number of new individuals testing positive for COVID-19 each day. This is mainly due to more tests being done as a part of the statewide initiative to increase testing in order to identify more of individuals impacted by the virus and contain the spread. This new data helps to show that while the number of new positives is increasing, so is the total number of tests.

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